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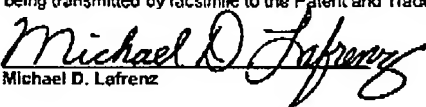
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of October 18, 2007, please enter this amendment to the above-identified application. The amendment is as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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